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1. On 25 April 1953, the barracks installation in Bernburg appeared to have been vacated. Forty soldiers continued enlarging field positions in the area west of the installation. Sedans were seen in traffic to the installation. ¹

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2. on 26 April, a shipment of 20 JS tanks coming from Poland waited to enter Frankfurt/Oder railroad station. ²

3. Prior to 1 May, the Artillerie Kaserne in Kuestrin was about two thirds lighted. Troops practiced with five 25-mm AA guns in the training area. Between 22 April and 1 May, troops would daily engage in the construction of field positions, drill, field training and driving practice. The KPP detail was exchanged on 24 April. Four officers and 65 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets arrived from the direction of Frankfurt/Oder, while 45 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were hauled away by truck toward Manschnow. ³

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4. On 27 April, the engineer training camp at Bittkau quartered only an advance party. Truck occupied by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets drove into the camp. Trucks were identified in the billeting area. ⁴

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1. [] the majority of the unidentified engineer regiment of the GOFG had left for Camp Dessau-Aken in mid-April.

2. [] Comment. Possibly, a train with completely overhauled tanks from the USSR or with tanks of a new type as was [] in the Loewen Kaserne, Doeberitz, on 24 April.

3. [] Comment. The Artillerie Kaserne is still occupied as was observed by [] on 21 April. [] A KPP detail is a guard detail at a border crossing point. In Kuestrin, the guard detail has hitherto been furnished by the 7th Gds Mecz Div.

4. [] Comment. The trucks belong to units of the Third Shock Army. In 1952, the engineer camp had been occupied in mid-April.

5. []

the 348th Engr Bn of the 18th Mecz Div in Ludwigslust.

the 890th Indep Engr Bn of the LXXX Mtz Rifle Corps in Gardelegen.

the 15th Gds Engr Bn of the Third Shock Army in Barby.

the 338th Engr Bn of the 207th Mtz Rifle Div in Stendal.

[] was the dispatcher of troops from Rangsdorf to Tangerhuetten in 1949 and appeared in Tangerhuetten in 1951. As the 19th Gds Mecz Div was stationed in the Wuensdorf-Zossen area in 1949, there is no doubt [] the unidentified engineer battalion of this division.

[] it can be concluded that no other army engineer battalions are assigned to the Third Shock Army.

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